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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2004, and given the shortened three-month period set for reply, is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary or required fees to deposit account 03-0172 (Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP).